GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:368
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Helminth Infections
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether children in the age groups of 1â€”14 years are at the risk of getting infected with soil transmitted helminth infections and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has launched deworming programme in 277 districts of 11 States in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has taken a national initiative to reform deworming programme to cover 536 districts under the said programme and if so, the detail thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) As per World Health Organization (WHO) estimates, 22 crore children between the age of 1 and 14 years are at risk of soil transmitted helminth infection in india.

(b) & (c) Under National Health Mission, Government of India has launched National Deworming Day in February 2015 and covered 8.98 crore children across 11 States/UTs in 272 districts. Now, the National Deworming Day is conducted in all States and UTs twice in a year except Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan where STH prevalence is less than 20 percent. During February 2017 round, 28 crore children were covered with deworming tablet. The World Health Organization also provides partial support in the form of free deworming tablet under WHO drug donation progamme.

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